

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-09

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2880

USDEL ASWAN IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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ASWAN FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, SY

SUBJECT: BOMB EXPLOSION IN DAMASCUS

1. AT ABOUT 1215 LOCAL MARCH 7, BOMB EXPLODED OUTSIDE BAATH PARTY (MUHAAJARIN) DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO BLOCKS FROM PRESIDENCY, FOUR BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY AND DIAGONALLY ACROSS STREET FROM EMBASSY MARINE HOUSE. WINDOWS BLOWN OUT ON FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS AND BUILDING ACROSS STREET. SHUTTERED DOOR ON MARINE HOUSE, FIFTY FEET AWAY, FORCED INWARD. EMBASSY OBSERVER REPORTED THAT AMBULANCE CAME TO SCENE AND DEPARTED EMPTY SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SUGGESTING NO CASUALTIES. NO FURTHER INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT. THIS IS FIRST BOMBING IN DAMASCUS SINCE MID-JANUARY EXPLOSION NEAR HOTEL HOUSING KING FAISAL'S PARTY. TIMING OF THIS EXPLOSION IS DAY BEFORE NATIONAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF BAATH PARTY'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN

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VERSARY OF BAATH PARTY'S ASSUMPTION OF POWER IN

SYRIA (MARCH 8, 1963).

3. CHOICE OF TARGET SUGGESTS EXPLOSION RELATED TO  
BAATH PARTY POLITICS AND NOT RPT NOT TO SECRETARY'S  
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO DAMASCUS.

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